

Claims

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1. A method, comprising:
sending a request for information from an interactive device to a first recipient;
at said first recipient, using information from said request to query a publicly
accessible source of information;
receiving results from querying said source of information; reformatting said results
into a new form; and
sending said results in said new form to said interactive device.

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2. A method as in claim 1, wherein said reformatting said information comprises
assembling a message which includes some, but not all, of the information
received from said publicly accessible source of information.

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3. A method as in claim 1, wherein said reformatting comprises reformatting said
information into a text message.

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4. A method as in claim 1, further comprising sending a request from said first
recipient to said interactive pager, requesting said interactive pager to identify
more information about a specific query to be made to set publicly accessible
source of information.

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5. A method as in claim 2, wherein said interactive device also stores personal
information associated with a user of the interactive device, and wherein said
sending comprises sending a request for information which includes some of said
personal information.

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6. A method as in claim 5, wherein said personal information which is sent includes
logon information and a password.

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7. A method as in claim 6, further comprising signifying to said source of
information an indication to purchase a product.

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8. A method as in claim 5, wherein said source of information indicates a user's
bank balance.

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9. A method as in claim 2, wherein said reformatting comprises reformatting said
information according to a prestored template.

- [c10] 10. A method as in claim 2, wherein said reformatting comprises reformatting said information into an XML form.

[c11] 11. A system, comprising:
an e-mail communication element, capable of communicating by e-mail with a plurality of remote devices;
a processing element, receiving a request for information from a publicly available source via said e-mail communication element, and formatting said request into a format that will be responded to by said publicly available source, commanding that said request be sent to set publicly available source, and receiving information from said publicly available source, and reformatting said information into another format, and sending reformatted information to said e-mail communication element.

[c12] 12. A system as in claim 11, wherein said formatting comprises formatting said request into an HTML format of a type that is recognized by a publicly available web page, and receiving an HTML response.

[c13] 13. A system as in claim 12, wherein said reformatting comprises changing said HTML response into another format.

[c14] 14. A system as in claim 13, wherein said another format is a text format.

[c15] 15. A system as in claim 11, wherein said reformatting comprises assembling a message with some, but not all, of the information from said response.

[c16] 16. A system as in claim 11, wherein said processor also receives personal identification information, and uses said personal identification information to form said request, including logon information.

[c17] 17. A method, comprising:
receiving a request from a first client for information from a publicly available source of information that requires information to be sent to the publicly available source of information in a specified form;
formatting the request from the first client into the specified form;
sending the request in the first form to the publicly available source of information.

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and receiving the information therefrom; and
reformatting the information and sending the reformatted information to the first
client.

- [c18] 18. A method as in claim 17, wherein said request from said first client includes personal logon information, and said specified form includes said logon information including at least a user login name and a password.
- [c19] 19. A method as in claim 17, wherein said reformatting comprises reformatting the information into an XML format.
- [c20] *All rights reserved* 20. A method as in claim 17, wherein said reformatting the information comprises reformatting the information into a text format.
- [c21] 21. A method, comprising:
sending a text message, from an e-mail pager, to a specified address, said text message including text content indicating an action that the user wants to carry out on the Internet;
at a computer associated with said specified address, translating said text message into an actual operation to be carried out on the Internet, and carrying out said operation on the Internet, and returning a result from said operation on the Internet to said e-mail pager.
- [c22] 22. A method, comprising:
defining a custom Internet page as a template with certain fill in values that are defined based on other Internet pages;
executing a routine that opens said other Internet pages in the background, receives said fill in values from said other Internet pages, closes said other Internet pages, and opens and includes said fill in values into said custom Internet page.